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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Fischer et al.

Serial No.: 10/019,087

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN
COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM
FAILURE OR MORTALITY

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

Sir/Madam:

Applicants provide the present Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination and Request for Interview in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and remarks provided herein, and further request that a telephone interview be granted after the Examiner has considered this Amendment and prior to issuance of any further official actions.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this document.